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In re application of:  
Suresh et al.

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For: CATHETER HAVING INTEGRAL  
EXPANDABLE/COLLAPSIBLE LUMEN

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 15-18, and 28-34 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

35. (new) A catheter comprising:  
a catheter body, wherein the catheter body is elongated and hollow, the catheter body having a distal and a proximal end,  
a hollow support member coupled to the catheter body having a distal and proximal end, wherein the proximal end of the support member is coupled to the distal end of the catheter body,  
a collapsible lumen having a distal and proximal end, the proximal end of the lumen is coupled to the distal end of the support member, wherein the lumen is flexible relative to the catheter body and has a plurality of openings to allow fluid to flow through the lumen such that the velocity of the fluid flow through the lumen is minimized.

